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Case 8550

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



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In the Application of Bond et al. :  
Serial No.: 09/852,889 : Group Art Unit 1711  
Confirmation No.: 5411 :  
Filed: May 10, 2001 : Examiner U. K. Rajguru  
For FIBERS COMPRISING STARCH :  
AND BIODEGRADABLE  
POLYMERS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In response to the Final Office Action dated October 25, 2002, the time to respond being extended by 1 month, please consider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks and claim amendments.

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AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 15.

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1. (Amended) A environmentally degradable, highly attenuated fiber produced by melt spinning a composition comprising:

- a. destructureized starch,
- b. a biodegradable thermoplastic polymer having a molecular weight of less than 500,000 g/mol; and
- c. a plasticizer

15. (Amended) A environmentally degradable, highly attenuated fiber produced by melt spinning a composition comprising:

- a. from about 5% to about 80% of destructureized starch,

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